

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE
Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CHAPTER 250-4 APPRENTICESHIP, RULE 250-4-.02 APPRENTICE
REGISTRATION. AMENDED**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.02 Apprentice Registration. Amended (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being distributed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on the interested party notification list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents may also be reviewed on the Board's website page at <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/30>, or by contacting the Board at 478-207-2440.

Interested parties affected by the rule may present written comments to the Board no later than close of business June 5, 2018. Written comments must be legible, signed, and should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address, etc.). Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Funeral Service, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; fax (866) 888-1308. Oral statements presented during the public hearing should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent at its April 10, 2018 meeting. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-50; 43-18-51; and 43-18-54. Finally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-18-23; 43-18-50; 43-18-51; and 43-18-54 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed or owned and operated in the field of funeral service.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

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The proposed rule amendment will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service at its meeting scheduled to begin 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendment to 250-4-.02 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-25, 43-18-23; 43-18-50; 43-18-51; and 43-18-54.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440. This notice is given in compliance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act (O.C.G.A. §50-13-4).

This 2 day of May 2018.



Lisa W. Durden, Director
Professional Licensing Boards

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SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULES

Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.02 Apprentice Registration. Amended

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to restyle and reorganize text and sentences to make the rule more easily understood, and to provide consistent styling throughout the rules. These changes are intended to be stylistic only.

Main Features: The main features of this amendment are capitalization corrections, removing redundant language, general language clean-up, and reorganizing of sentence structure to provide a better understanding of the rule.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULE**

Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship, Rule 250-4-.02 Apprentice Registration. Amended

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

Chapter 250-4 Apprenticeship

Rule 250-4-.02. Apprentice Registration. Amended

- (1) An apprentice must be currently registered with the Board in order to receive credit for time served as an apprentice. An applicant for registration as a funeral service apprentice must:
 - (a) ~~Be~~ be at least 18 years of age;
 - (b) ~~At~~ at a minimum, ~~be~~ is a high school graduate or holder of a General Education Development (GED) certification of high school equivalency;
 - (c) ~~An applicant must~~ file an application on a form available from the Board; this application must be verified by oath and be accompanied by the registration fee. This application shall ask questions regarding the applicant's conviction of a felony or misdemeanor and violations or sentences under the First Offender Act.
 - (d) ~~An applicant must~~ designate the specific funeral director and/or embalmer under whom ~~he/she~~ the applicant will be apprenticing. ~~Such~~ The supervisor must be approved by the Board as specified in Rule 250-4-.05;
 - (e) ~~An applicant must~~ designate the specific establishment in the State of Georgia at which ~~he/she~~ the applicant will be apprenticing. ~~Such~~ The establishment must be approved by the Board as specified in Rule 250-4-.05 and must have conducted an average of at least thirty (30) funerals per year over the preceding five (5) years; and

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- (f) ~~An submit an application for registration shall be viewed only after it is complete.~~
~~An application must be completed~~ at least fifteen (15) business days prior to a Board meeting, and the Board's acceptance or rejection of each application shall be by majority vote of the entire Board. An application for registration shall be viewed by the Board only after it is complete.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-25, 43-18-23; 43-18-50; 43-18-51; and 43-18-54

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